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July 8, 1993

California Coastal Commission  
Federal Consistency  
Attention: Mr. J. R. Raives  
45 Fremont, Suite 2000  
San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Dear Mr. Raives:

The enclosed Determination of No Effect on Coastal Resources for the proposed Seismic Retrofit of Sunset Cliffs Boulevard Bridge Over the San Diego River located in the City of San Diego, San Diego County, is submitted for your review. construction is scheduled to begin September of 93 and be completed by May 94.

The City has evaluated the project with respect to the Federally approved California Coastal Plan and California Coastal Act and has determined there will be no impacts to Coastal resources (economic/commercial development, public access, recreation, land resources, biology and the marine environment). The project will include federal funds provided by the Federal Highway Administration. Therefore, the City requests approval of a negative determination with respect to the California Coastal Act at the next scheduled meeting of the California Coastal Commission.

Should you have any further questions regarding this project, please contact April Penner, Project Manager at (619) 533-3770.

Sincerely,

April Penner  
Project Manager

AP: bjs

Attachments

DETERMINATION OF NO EFFECT ON COASTAL RESOURCES FOR PROPOSED  
SEISMIC RETROFIT OF SUNSET CLIFFS BLVD. BRIDGE IN CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

1. PROPOSED ACTION:

The City of San Diego is requesting a Negative Determination with respect to the California Coastal Act from the California Coastal Commission. As a separate action, the City has determined that this project is exempt from Coastal Development Permit requirements (Exhibit 1 and 2). The City of San Diego has a Certified Local Coastal Plan and permit jurisdiction.

2. AUTHORITY:

The following determination is prepared in compliance with the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, Section 397 [Title 16, U.S.C. SECTION 1456 (c) (1) ], and Reauthorization Amendments of 1990, which states that Federal actions must be consistent with approved State coastal management programs to the maximum extent practicable. A Negative Determination is appropriate for this proposed project since it does not have the possibility of affecting coastal zone resources.

3. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Seismic Retrofit of Sunset Cliffs Blvd. Bridge over San Diego River includes: (a) installing concrete distribution beams (under the deck) at the abutments, (b) installing rod restrainers at the hinges, and (c) stiffening/stabilizing the pins at each bent (support). There will be no work at or below grade or on the deck surface. No coring is being done; some drilling for epoxy/dowel installments will occur. A small amount of riprap at the north abutment will need to be relocated to install the distribution beam, then replaced.

The method of construction has not been dictated to the Contractor. It is, however, reasonable to assume that a barge will be utilized (as was used for the bridge 1/2 mile to the east on Sports Arena Blvd, last year) . This- tactic will allow the Contractor to move from support to support as well as to areas required along the deck easily.

A traffic control plan has been reviewed and approved by CalTrans and the City of San Diego, although there is no need for daily measures. However, when welding is being done under the bridge and the structural members are temporarily weakened, traffic control will be in place. There are no other reason for inconvenience to motorists. Pedestrians and bicycle traffic will have escorts while traffic control is being enforced.

The City has coordinated this project with the following agencies:

1. U. S. Coast Guard (U. S. Navigational Waters)
2. California Department of Fish and Game (Streambed Alteration Agreement)
3. U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (Nationwide Permit)
4. CalTrans

5. San Diego Planning Department (CEQA Exemption)
6. FHWA (Programmatic Section 4f Permit)
7. Air Pollution Control Board
8. Water Quality Control Board

4. PURPOSE AND NEED:

The purpose of the project is to upgrade the structure to current seismic standards. Displacement calculated for the bridge (vertically and horizontally) were very large. The City of San Diego wishes to reduce risk to public safety as much as possible should a catastrophic earthquake occur.

5. COASTAL RESOURCES AND MANAGEMENT:

There will be no affect to fisheries, water quality, marine habitat, wildlife, public access or visual resources.

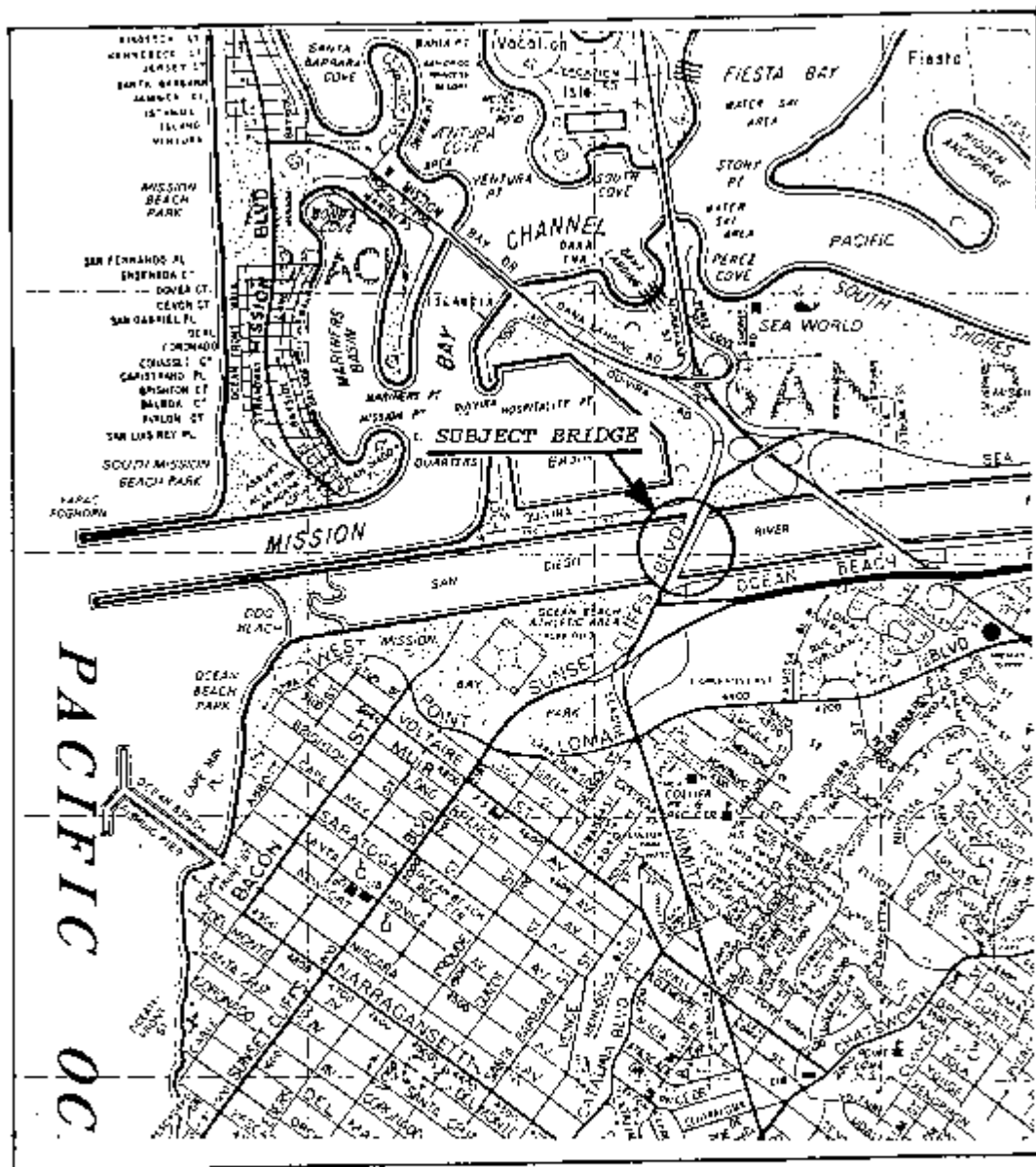
(a) When the project is complete, the seismic features will not be visible.

(b) The traffic control plans show and state that public access should be maintained. Where any disturbances occur, there shall be an escort or appropriate detour.

(c) There is no coring, and the specifications are clearly written requiring vacuuming of any debris and/or contaminants caused by construction.

6. DETERMINATION:

Based on a careful evaluation of the proposed project, CalTrans has determined that there will be no affect on land, water uses, natural or visual resources of the coastal zone.



## LOCATION MAP

SUNSET CLIFFS BLVD BRIDGE  
OVER THE SAN DIEGO RIVER

BRIDGE NO. 57C-287



NO SCALE



# Determination of: Environmental Exemption

Pursuant to The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines

City: CITY OF SAN DIEGO DEP File No: MISS. Date: May 27, 1993  
 Permit No. --  
 Description of Activity: City Council approval of construction CIP No. 530375, W.O. No. 112058

Description of Activity: Upgrade of Sunset Cliffs Bridge (Bridge No. 570-287): upgrades involve structure enhancements for seismic safety including work on columns, hinges, and abutments.

Location of Activity: Bridge over San Diego River on Sunset Cliffs Blvd. in Ocean Beach community.

This activity is **EXEMPT FROM CEQA** pursuant to:

☐ Section 15061 (b) (1) of the State CEQA Guidelines (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378).

☐ Section 15061 (b) (3) of the State CEQA Guidelines ("General Rule").

This project is **EXEMPT FROM CEQA** pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section checked below:

## ARTICLE 19 of GUIDELINES CATEGORICAL EXEMPTIONS (Incomplete list)

Sec.	Short Name
5301	1 Existing Facilities
5302	2 Replacement or Reconstruction
5303	3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
5304	4 Minor Alterations to Land
5305	5 Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations
5306	6 Information Collection
5311	11 Accessory Structures
5312	12 Surplus Environmental Property Sales
5315	15 Minor Land Divisions
5317	17 Open Space Contracts or Easements
5319	19 Annexation of Existing Facilities and Lots for Exempt Facilities
5325	25 Transfer of Ownership of Interest in Land to Preserve Open Space

## ARTICLE 18 of GUIDELINES STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS (Incomplete list)

Sec.	Short Name
<input type="checkbox"/> 15261	Ongoing Project
<input type="checkbox"/> 15262	Feasibility and Planning Studies
<input type="checkbox"/> 15265	Adoption of Coastal Plans and Programs
<input type="checkbox"/> 15268	Ministerial Projects
<input type="checkbox"/> 15269	Emergency Projects

I hereby certify that the City of San Diego  
determined the above activity to be exempt:

6/22/93 JPH/11/1/93

Distribution:

Exemption or Project file

Responsible Departments:

Public Works, Engineering & Development